

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY



2008 ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

**Disclosure of Campus Security Policy
And Campus Crime Statistics Act
Jeanne Clery Report**

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For Calendar Year 2008 (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008)

Tarleton State University is dedicated to providing a safe and secure campus environment where meaningful education can take place. This information has been prepared to ensure Tarleton State University is in compliance with the federal guidelines under the Clery Act.

Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Director of the University Police, constitutes an ongoing and continuing threat, a campus-wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college e-mail system to students, staff, and faculty, and the student newspaper, *The J-TAC*.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the Tarleton State University Police Department may also post a notice to provide the university community with more immediate notification on the University Police website at: www.tarleton.edu/~police. In such instances, a copy of the notice is posted in each residence hall, at the entrance to each academic building, Recreational Sports Building, and in the Barry B. Thompson Student Center. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the University Police by telephone (254-968-9002) or in person at the University Police Department, located in the NE corner of Wisdom Gym.

Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The University Police, in conjunction with the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Institutional Research (OPEIR), prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report is located on the Tarleton home page at: http://www.tarleton.edu/main/Clery_Act.pdf. Additional information may also be accessed by connecting to the police website via www.tarleton.edu/~police. This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding the main campus and alternate sites, the Division for Student Life, the Division of Finance and Administration, and the Division of Enrollment and Information Management. Each entity provides updated information on their educational efforts and programs to comply with the act.

Campus crime, arrest, and referral statistics include those reported to the Tarleton Police, designated campus officials (including, but not limited to directors, deans, department heads, designated Residence Living and Learning staff, Office of Judicial Affairs staff, advisors to students/student organizations, athletic coaches), and local law enforcement agencies. Texas Law (Section 161.041, Health and Safety Code) requires prompt, mandatory reporting to local law enforcement agencies by health care practitioners (such as those at the Student Health Center) when they provide medical services to a person they know or reasonably suspects is suffering from wounds inflicted by a firearm or is a result of assault or abusive conduct.

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The Student Counseling and Health Center staff is informed in order to report crimes to the University police on a voluntary or confidential basis. The Student Counseling or Health Center may report crimes anonymously to the University Police.

Each year, an email notification is sent to all students, staff, and faculty that provide the web site address to access this report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Institutional Research, located in Administration Building Room 245, or by calling (254) 968-9354.

Reporting of Criminal Offenses

To report a crime, the following guidelines should be followed:

- For **Emergencies, dial 9-1-1.**
- For Stephenville non-emergencies, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. contact the **Tarleton State University Police at (254) 968-9002.**
- After hours, dial 3-1-1 from any assistance/information (telephones are located in parking lots, elevators, and near various classroom buildings).
- The Tarleton Emergency Control Center may be contacted at extension 9265 from any campus phone, or 254-968-9265 from outside the University or from a cell phone.
- Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around residence halls should be reported to the University Police.
- Other avenues to report a crime are as follows:

Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students (Admin Bldg 221) 254-968-9081

Assistant Vice President for Wellness & Career Development, Student Counseling Center (TSC 212 J) 254-968-9044

Director, Student Health Center (TSC 212) 254-968-9271

Director, Human Resources (Admin Annex 106) 254-968-9128

Director, Center for Diversity Initiatives (TSC 201 A) 254-968-9488

Assistant Dean, Office of Student Judicial Affairs (TSC 105) 254-968-9080

Director, Student Activities and Thompson Student Center (TSC 201) 254-968-9256

Assistant Dean of Students, Leadership and Residential Life (TC 206) 254-968-9418

(TSC - Thompson Student Center and TC - Tarleton Center)

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Stephenville On Campus Resources

Student Counseling Center 254-968-9044

Office of Student Judicial Affairs 254-968-9080

Off Campus Social Service Resources

Cross Timbers Family Services 254-965-4357

H.O.P.E., Inc. 254-965-2700

Pecan Valley MHMR 254-968-4181

STAR Council on Substance Abuse 254-965-5515

Texas A&M University – Central Texas

Main Campus Security 254-519-5719

North Campus Security 254-519-5777

Killeen Police Department 254-526-1427

FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Counseling and other referrals are available through:

Central Texas Student Services 254-519-5748

Central Texas Campus Security 254-519-5719

Central Counties Center for MHMR 254-298-7000

Alcohol & Drug Abuse 800-832-9623

Tarleton State University – Terrell School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Baylor All Saints Security 817-927-6186 (Lt. Patrice Wells)

Fort Worth Police Department 817-335-4222

Fort Worth Fire Department 817-922-3000

Tarleton State University – The Hickman Building

ER Investigative Network Building Security Officer 817-235-0190

Fort Worth Police Department 817-335-4222

Fort Worth Fire Department 817-922-3000

Confidential Reporting Procedures

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, the Director of University Police or his designee can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing their identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with a request to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the safety of those involved. With such information, the University can do the following:

- keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students;
- determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant; and
- alert the campus community to potential danger.

Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution.

Limited Voluntary Confidential Reporting

The Tarleton State University Police Department encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police. Because police reports are public records under state law, the Tarleton State University Police Department cannot hold reports of crimes in confidence. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made to other Tarleton State University campus authorities. Confidential reports of crime may also be made to Erath County Crime Stoppers at 254-965-CASH.

Security and Access

During business hours, the University (excluding certain housing facilities) will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours access to all University facilities is by key, magnetic ID card, University Police, and in the case of housing by Residential Living and Learning staff. In the case of extended closing periods, prior written approval is required to Open University facilities.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Over extended breaks, the doors of all halls will be secured around the clock, and will be equipped with a lock separate from the ID card access to the resident students. Some facilities may have individual hours, which may vary at different times of the year. Examples are the Thompson Student Center, the Library, and Recreational Sports. In these cases, the facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department/office responsible for the facility. Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules.

Campus Police Authority and Jurisdiction

Tarleton State University Police have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas adjacent to the campus. If an offense or misconduct violates university rules and regulations and is committed by a university student, the university police may refer the individual to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs for disciplinary action.

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Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and motor vehicle theft are carefully investigated by the Tarleton police and information is shared with local law enforcement agencies. Often, joint investigative efforts with other law enforcement agencies are utilized to solve these serious felony crimes. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted at Justice, County, District, or Federal Court with the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

University police personnel work closely with local and state law enforcement agencies, and have direct radio communication with these agencies. The Tarleton police department also works with various Federal agencies on matters of federal jurisdiction. The Tarleton university police department is also a part of the City of Stephenville 9-1-1 System.

By mutual agreement with local agencies, the university police have access to a Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) terminal and a National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) terminal. Through this network, police personnel can access the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as well as the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC). These computer databases are used for accessing criminal history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information, as well as other local, state, and federal law enforcement information.

In accordance with Section 51.203 of the Texas Education Code, university police have jurisdiction within any county where Tarleton State University owns or controls property. Through cooperation with local law, enforcement agencies, criminal activity engaged in by students at off-campus locations of student organizations is monitored and recorded. This information is provided to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs for action or follow-up that may be required.

General Procedures for Reporting a Crime or Emergency

Community members, students, staff, faculty, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety-related incidents to the Tarleton State University Police Department in a timely manner. The Tarleton Police Department patrols the Tarleton State University-Stephenville campus, as well as remote areas owned by the University that surround Stephenville.

For Stephenville emergencies dial 9-1-1, otherwise, contact the University Police at 254-968-9002 (non-emergencies) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. After hours, dial 3-1-1 from any assistance/information phone strategically located in parking lots, elevators, and near some classroom buildings. The Tarleton Emergency Control Center may be called directly at extension 9265 from any campus phone, or 254-968-9265 from a non-campus phone. Dispatchers are available at this phone number to answer calls. In response to calls, the Tarleton Control Center will dispatch an officer to the caller's location or will ask the victim to report to the Tarleton Police Department to file a report.

Other contact information for Tarleton owned/controlled facilities is included in the appropriate section of this manual. For other off-campus sites, report crimes to the appropriate local authorities and forward referrals to the Tarleton police department as appropriate.

Certain Tarleton Police Department incident reports are forwarded to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs for review and potential action. Tarleton Police Department officers will

investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will be forwarded to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs.

If assistance is required from outside law enforcement agencies, Tarleton Police Department will contact the appropriate agency. If a sexual assault or rape should occur, the Tarleton Police Department will offer the victim a variety of services. The Tarleton Police Department works closely with the Student Counseling Center and Cross Timbers Family Services, which have trained members who are available to assist a victim 24 hours a day.

This publication contains information about on-campus and off-campus resources. This information is made available to provide Tarleton community members with specific information about the resources that are available in the event that they become the victim of a crime. The information about “resources” is not provided to infer that those resources are “reporting entities” for Tarleton State University.

Crimes should be reported to the University Police Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate. For example, a crime reported only to Cross Timbers Family Services would not be included in the Tarleton crime statistics.

Counselors Confidential Reporting Procedures

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process which was followed by the passage of the law, the 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f) clarified the identity of those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus “Professional Counselors,” when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, counselors are encouraged,

if they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

For the purposes of The Clery Act, professional counselors are defined by the rulemaking process committee as “an employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.”

Security Awareness Programs

During orientations conducted prior to the start of a semester, students are informed about services provided by the Tarleton Police Department regarding safety awareness. Also, the Residential Living and Learning staff schedules meetings to inform students about crime and personal safety.

When time is of the essence, information is released to the university community through security alerts posted prominently throughout the campus and through computer memos sent via the university electronic mail system.

In cooperation with other university organizations and departments, the Tarleton police department present alcohol and drug awareness programs periodically during the academic

year. In addition to these programs, the Tarleton Police Department also conducts Operation I.D., employee safety programs, orientation programs for new freshmen/transfer students, and new employee orientation.

Crime Prevention Programs

The Tarleton Police Department offers Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Training for female Tarleton students. This is a comprehensive program that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. Certified R.A.D. Instructors teach the courses.

Other Crime Prevention programs include Safety Awareness, Identity Theft Prevention, personal safety programs of various kinds, and other programs requested by the campus community.

To enhance personal safety, especially after an evening class, community members are encouraged to walk with friends or a well known acquaintance, or call the S.T.O.P. (Students of Tarleton On Patrol) program for an escort. Escorts are also provided by Police Officers when requested.

Off-Campus Criminal Activity

When a Tarleton student is involved in an off-campus offense, police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. Stephenville police officers routinely work and communicate with Tarleton police officers on any serious incidents occurring on-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding campus. Tarleton does not operate any off-campus housing or off-campus student organization facilities; however, many students live in the neighborhoods surrounding Tarleton. While the Stephenville Police Department has primary jurisdiction in all areas off-campus, officers of the Tarleton Police Department do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. Tarleton officers have direct communication with the Stephenville Police Department, Fire Department, and ambulance services to facilitate rapid emergency response.

Alcoholic Beverages

The possession, sale, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages on the Tarleton campus is governed by statements in the Student Handbook and Texas state law. Laws regarding the possession, sale, consumption, or furnishing of alcohol is controlled by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). The enforcement of alcohol laws on-campus is the primary responsibility of the Tarleton Police Department. The Tarleton campus has been designated "Alcohol Free" and only under certain circumstances is the consumption of alcohol permitted. The possession, sale, manufacture, or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. These laws are strictly enforced by the Tarleton Police Department. Violators may be subject to university disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, and fine and imprisonment (or a combination). It is unlawful to sell, furnish, or provide alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcoholic beverages by anyone less than 21 years of age is illegal. It is also a violation of the Tarleton Student Handbook for anyone to possess or consume

alcohol in any public or private area of campus without prior university approval. Organizations or groups violating alcohol or drug policies or laws may be subject to sanctions by the university. Clarification regarding alcohol and controlled substances can be found in the Student Handbook.

Illegal Drugs

The Tarleton campus has been designated “Drug Free” and only under certain circumstances is the consumption of alcoholic beverages permitted. The unlawful possession, sale, manufacture, or distribution of any controlled substance or paraphernalia that is illegal under both state and federal laws. These laws are strictly enforced by the Tarleton Police Department. Violators may be subject to University disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, and fine and imprisonment (or a combination). The University reserves the right to employ an outside agency to assist in the detection of illegal drugs, controlled substances and/or drug paraphernalia.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Information - Prevention Programs

Tarleton State University has developed an event to develop an awareness and to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employee named “Wellness Expo.” The event provides contact with individual organizations and services related to drug and alcohol abuse. The resource information is available online, in brochures outside the Student Health and Counseling Center, and distributed to students during disciplinary proceedings.

In addition, many services are the responsibility of other of the institution. These include:

Student Life Studies: AlcoholEdu Online Course

Counseling Services: Student Counseling Center

Referral Services: Student Counseling Services and Office of Student Judicial Affairs

University Disciplinary Actions: Faculty/Staff/Student Judicial Advisory Council, Assistant Dean of Students

Legal Sanctions – Laws Governing Alcohol

The State of Texas sets 21 as the minimum age to purchase or possess any alcoholic beverage. Specific ordinances violations of alcohol laws, including driving while intoxicated, or public intoxication, are available from Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) or Public Safety Office. Effective January 1, 2006, state laws were passed regarding alcohol: They include the following:

1. Person under age 21 found in possessing alcohol may be given a maximum of \$500.00 fine, Alcohol Awareness course, 8-12 hours of community services, and 30-day driver’s license suspension denial.
2. Anyone convicted of driving while intoxicated may be given a maximum of \$500.00, Alcohol awareness course, 20-40 hours community service, 60-day driver’s license suspension, and 30-day ineligibility for occupational license.

3. Adults and minors who provide alcohol to minors (a Class A misdemeanor) may be given a fine \$4000.00, maximum confinement of a 1-year, license suspension of 180-day upon conviction.

University Sanctions

Disciplinary Procedures and Sanctions

A. Disciplinary Procedures

A designated officer from the Division of Student Life shall investigate and gather evidence about reported student or organizational misconduct and shall evaluate the accuracy, credibility, and sufficiency of this evidence. The University uses the “preponderance of the evidence” standard for disciplinary decision making. The Office of Student Judicial Affairs shall ensure that the requirements of due process are fulfilled.

The Vice President for Student Life may take immediate interim disciplinary action when he or she believes that the presence of a student on campus poses a continuing danger to persons or property or presents a threat of disrupting the academic process. An administrative hearing will be scheduled as soon thereafter as practicable.

When a complaint is filed, the student or organization named in the complaint will be asked to appear before a designated officer from the Division of Student Life, who will conduct an investigative meeting to discuss the alleged violation(s) and possible sanction(s).

In any disciplinary proceeding, the student or organization has the right to:

- 1) be apprised of the rule(s) allegedly violated and the alleged act(s) committed;
- 2) know the source of complaints;
- 3) know the specific violation;
- 4) know the sanctions which may be imposed if a violation is substantiated;
- 5) be provided a list of witnesses, testimonies, and any other documents relevant to the case upon request prior to the formal hearing;
- 6) be accompanied by an advisor at any discipline hearing (for advisory purposes only, not for representation);
- 7) refrain from making any statement relevant to the charge(s);
- 8) know that any statement(s) made by the accused student(s) or organization(s) can be used against the accused.

If, as a result of the investigation, the Student Life Officer determines that university disciplinary procedures are warranted, the student or organization will be notified, in writing, of the specific charge(s) being made against the student or organization and the disciplinary procedures available for conducting a hearing on the charge(s). If the Student Life Officer is

unable to contact the student or organization's representative in person within five (5) university working days of the determination of the charge(s), the notice of disciplinary action and procedures will be mailed to the address of record maintained with the university.

After the student or organization has been advised of the charge(s), the student or organization may choose to have the case heard by a designated officer from the Division of Student Life or may request permission to appear before the Judicial Advisory Council. The Judicial Advisory Council is composed of four (4) senior, junior, and sophomore students appointed by the Student Body President, two (2) faculty members and one (1) staff member appointed by the Vice President for Student Life.

The University may refer a case to the Judicial Advisory Council if deemed appropriate. This Council, after hearing a case, has the authority to make appropriate recommendations on the case to the student officer.

A designated officer from the Division of Student Life, after fair and objective assessment, may impose any disciplinary sanction defined in Section 5.1 of the Code of Student Conduct. It shall be the responsibility of the designated officer from the Division of Student Life to inform the student or organization of the right to appeal any sanction in section 5.1 (5.1.4) (2) through (5.1.7) and the procedures for doing so. The student or organization will be provided a written statement of charges against them, the procedures for appealing, and will acknowledge a receipt of such by signing a duplicate copy. Following disposition of the hearing, a written summary will be retained.

Cases in which the Student Life Officer is satisfied that a reasonable effort was made to notify the accused student or organization of the charge(s) and of the time and place of the hearing, the University may conduct a disciplinary hearing at which the accused student or organization is not present. The Student Life Officer will hear the evidence, weigh the facts and render an appropriate judgment.

B. Disciplinary Sanctions

One or more of the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed by the university upon individuals, groups or organizations. Sanctions for violation of institutional rules and procedures may be administered regardless of whether actions of the student are also civil or criminal violations. Whenever disciplinary action leads to the student leaving the university, grades will be assigned in accordance with the university grade policy and the academic calendar. Sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Reprimand
- ◆ Loss of privileges
- ◆ Imposition of certain tasks
- ◆ Probation
- ◆ Suspension
- ◆ Expulsion
- ◆ Revocation of Degrees

Additional information may be found in the student handbook:
<http://www.tarleton.edu/~stuserv/handbook/>

Sex Offenses

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Tarleton State University is committed to providing assistance to people harmed by sexual assault and/or relational violence and does so through a variety of services. Sexual assault is non-consensual sexual acts involving force, manipulation or coercion. It is an act of aggression, violence and power.

The Tarleton Police Department offers Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training to female university students each semester. Sexual assault literature and date rape education is available through the Student Health Center and Student Counseling Center.

If you are the victim of a sexual assault at Tarleton State University, the first priority should be to get to a place of safety. The second priority is to obtain necessary medical treatment. The Tarleton Police Department strongly advocates a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a Tarleton police officer (254-968-9002) and/or to a Residential Living and Learning staff member (254-968-9418). Filing a police report with a Tarleton police officer will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary sexual assault examination at no expense to the victim.
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally, a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothes prior to a medical examination.
- Confirm the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

When a sexual assault victim contacts the Tarleton Police Department, a criminal investigator will be notified as well. The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and/or through University channels. A Tarleton police officer will advise the victim of available options and will support the victim in his/her decision. Various counseling options are available from the University through the Student Counseling Center (254-968-9044). Counseling and support services outside the University may be obtained through Cross Timbers Family Services (254-965-4357).

University disciplinary proceedings for cases involving misconduct are detailed in the *Student Handbook* under *Code of Student Conduct* (<http://www.tarleton.edu/~stuserv/handbook/>). The code provides disciplinary proceeding guidelines for students and organizations and outlines the right to an advisor who accompanies the student during the hearing. A student found

responsible for a sexual assault could be prosecuted in state court, and have action taken by the university. After an alleged sexual assault, student victims have the option to change their academic and/or on-campus living arrangements if such changes are reasonably available.

Sex Offender Registration

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA) of 2000 is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at or employed by institutions of higher education. The CSCPA is an amendment to the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Act. The federal law requires state law enforcement agencies to provide Tarleton with a list of registered sex offenders who have indicated that they are either enrolled at or employed by Tarleton State University.

Tarleton State University Police Department maintains a list of sex offenders on the University Police Department website.

Additionally, a list of all registered sex offenders in Texas is available from the Texas Department of Public Safety at https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Sor/index.aspx.

Tarleton State University is located in Erath County with a zip code of 76402.

The CSCPA further amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to clarify that nothing in the Act can prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

This statement is provided in compliance with the Campus Sex Crimes Act of 2000 and the Sex Offender Registration Program, Chapter 62, Texas Penal Code, effective date 9-1-2005.

Sex Offender Registration Electronic Link to Registered Sex Offender Information Maintained by an Outside Law Enforcement Agency

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act, and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Tarleton Police Department provides a link to the Texas Department of Public Safety Sex offender Registry. This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register with a State to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. In the State of Texas, convicted sex offenders must register with the local law enforcement authority in which the offender resides. This information is maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Texas Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry is available via Internet, pursuant to Section 62.005, Texas Penal Code. Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers, or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is responsible for maintaining this registry. Follow the link below to access the Texas Department of Public Safety website: [https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS WEB/Sor/index.aspx](https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Sor/index.aspx).

Sexual Assault Prevention and Reporting Procedures

Sexual assault (rape) is a non-consensual sexual act involving force, manipulation or coercion. It is an act of aggression, violence, and power and is a felony crime. The perpetrator can be a stranger, relative, acquaintance, or date. Although sexual assault is usually a crime committed against women, it can also happen to men.

Tarleton State University is committed to providing comprehensive sexual education and prevention programs. These programs are sponsored by the Division of Student Services, with the support of the Student Counseling Center, the University Police Department, as well as off-campus referral centers.

Two programs are aimed at the prevention of sexual offenses: an awareness program and a women's self-defense course offered to any interest group. Emphasis is placed upon personal safety and awareness of one's surroundings.

A. Reporting Procedures

Victims are encouraged to report an attempted or completed sexual assault to the police. It is critical for the police agency to be informed as soon as possible after the incident so that appropriate steps, such as gathering of crucial evidence and information, can be taken.

If a sexual assault occurred recently, call 911. If some time has elapsed and it is not an emergency, contact the law enforcement agency where the rape occurred. (University Police 254-968-9002; TSU Emergency Control Center 254-968-9265; Stephenville Police Department 254-965-4111; or the Erath County Sheriff Office 254- 965-3318)

To preserve evidence for an examination

- Do not shower, bathe or douche;
- Do not comb hair or wash hands;
- Try not to urinate;
- If oral contact took place, do not smoke, eat, brush teeth, or rinse mouth; and
- Do not change clothes, but carry a change of clothes in case what is worn needs to be kept for evidence. If clothes must be changed, place them in a **paper bag** (plastic destroys evidence).

The victim has the option of requesting a concealed identity or pseudonym during the investigation.

It is always a victim's choice as to whether to report a sexual assault, but reporting an assault (or attempted assault) is extremely important for the protection of both the victim and the community. Reporting an assault does not mean that the victim must prosecute. However, it does begin the legal process if the victim decides to prosecute at a later date.

Victims have the option to pursue the university disciplinary charges if the assailant is a Tarleton State University student. Sexual assault is a major violation of Tarleton's university rules and may result in removal of the student perpetrator from the University.

Whether the student wants to involve the Tarleton Police Department or the Office of Student Judicial Affairs, a medical examination is essential. A physical examination is necessary to take care of obvious and/or hidden physical injuries and will provide the opportunity for the victim

to discuss with a physician potential pregnancy or communicable disease concerns. In addition, emergency room personnel will call the local rape crisis center so that a counselor can provide support and education.

B. What Happens When the Police are Called

- Police units will respond immediately.
- The police will properly gather all evidence.
- An ambulance or a police officer will transport the victim to the emergency room of the local hospital.
- A specially trained criminal investigator will interview the victim. In **ALL** cases the victim will be treated with compassion, consideration, understanding and patience during the interview. The officer will make every attempt to maintain the confidentiality of the victim.
- The officer will give the victim a Crime Victim's Compensation packet or the officer will call the Crime Victim Liaison to assist with the Crime Victim's Compensation information, support for the victim, and/or to aid in making referrals to other agencies.
- The Crime Victim Liaison will contact the victim within seven days by phone, mail or a meeting.
- The Crime Victim Liaison will remain in contact with the victim throughout the criminal process and will provide support.
- Information and evidence obtained by the police can be used in university disciplinary action if the assailant is a student regardless of whether or not criminal charges are filed.

C. Seeking Counseling and Support

If an individual has been sexually assaulted, she/he may experience a wide range of emotions such as shock, denial, fear, depression, anger, guilt, and/or embarrassment. Any of these feelings can occur immediately or may not surface until months, or even years after the assault. Recovery from sexual assault is a long-term process. Immediate support and crisis intervention is always needed. Many times counseling can make a major difference in the sexual assault survivor's eventual psychological adjustment. Obtaining counseling does not obligate a student to report the sexual assault to the police.

In Texas, sexual assault (rape) is a second degree felony punishable by a sentence of two to twenty years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Contact the law enforcement agency handling the case or the Erath County District Attorney's office for more information.

Graduation Rate

The graduation rate for Tarleton State University was 39.12% in 2007-08. In 2002, 974 freshmen enrolled as first-time full-time students at Tarleton. By the fall semester of 2008, 381 had graduated from Tarleton.

SOURCE: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2009.

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OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			# NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	15	21	32	12	16	29	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	21	32
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
ARSON	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LIQUOR LAW ARRESTS	9	11	8	7	7	3	1	8	8	1	7	2	11	19	18
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	6	39	31	6	38	30	0	3	1	2	1	1	8	49	33
DRUG LAW ARRESTS	8	3	5	5	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	4	7
DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	7	10	3	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	3
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	49	88	82	39	72	72	5	12	9	3	8	5	57	108	96

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Hate Crimes

OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			# NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANY OTHER CRIME INVOLVING BODILY INJURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			# NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG LAW ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Non-campus locations include Fort Hood Military Base in Killeen, Killeen ISD

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Texas A&M University - Central Texas

Hate Crimes

OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			# NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANY OTHER CRIME INVOLVING BODILY INJURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Tarleton State University - Terrell School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences - Fort Worth

OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG LAW ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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Tarleton State University - Terrell School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences - Fort Worth

Hate Crimes

OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			# NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANY OTHER CRIME INVOLVING BODILY INJURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Tarleton State University - The Hickman Building

OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
			2008			2008			2008			2008			2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER			0			0			0			0			0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER			0			0			0			0			0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE			0			0			0			0			0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE			0			0			0			0			0
ROBBERY			0			0			0			0			0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT			0			0			0			0			0
BURGLARY			0			0			0			0			0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT			0			0			0			0			0
ARSON			0			0			0			0			0
LIQUOR LAW ARRESTS			0			0			0			0			0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION			0			0			0			0			0
DRUG LAW ARRESTS			0			0			0			0			0
DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION			0			0			0			0			0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION ARRESTS			0			0			0			0			0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION VIOLATIONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION			0			0			0			0			0
TOTAL			0			0			0			0			0

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Facility opened March 1, 2007.

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Tarleton State University – The Hickman Building

Hate Crimes

OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			** RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES			# NON-CAMPUS			PUBLIC PROPERTY			TOTAL		
			2008			2008			2008			2008			2008
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER			0			0			0			0			0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER			0			0			0			0			0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE			0			0			0			0			0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE			0			0			0			0			0
ROBBERY			0			0			0			0			0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT			0			0			0			0			0
BURGLARY			0			0			0			0			0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT			0			0			0			0			0
ARSON			0			0			0			0			0
ANY OTHER CRIME INVOLVING BODILY INJURY			0			0			0			0			0
TOTAL			0			0			0			0			0

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QUICK REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCY 911

Stephenville Campus

University Police 254-968-9002
TSU Emergency Control Center 254-968-9265

Non-Emergency

Stephenville Police Department 254-918-1200
Stephenville Fire Department 254-918-1210

After 5:00 p.m. and on weekends Erath County Sheriff Office 254-965-3318

FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Counseling and other referrals are available through:

On Campus Resources

Student Counseling Center 254-968-9044
Office of Student Judicial Affairs 254-968-9080

Off Campus Social Service Resources

Cross Timbers Family Services 254-965-4357
H.O.P.E., Inc. 254-965-2700
Pecan Valley MHMR 254-968-4181
STAR Council on Substance Abuse 254-965-5515

Texas A&M University – Central Texas

Main Campus Security 254-519-5719
North Campus Security 254-519-5777
Killeen Police Department 254-526-1427

FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Counseling and other referrals are available through:

T-CT Student Services 254-519-5748
T-CT Campus Security 254-519-5719
Central Counties Center for MHMR 254-298-7000
Alcohol & Drug Abuse 800-832-9623

Tarleton State University – Terrell School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Baylor All Saints Security 817-927-6186 (Lt. Patrice Wells)
Fort Worth Police Department 817-335-4222
Fort Worth Fire Department 817-922-3000

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ER Investigative Network Building Security Officer 817-235-0190
Fort Worth Police Department 817-335-4222
Fort Worth Fire Department 817-922-3000

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